

b. How does the Defense Sector compare to relevant commercial sectors when it comes to financial health? Please explain.

c. How important is cash flow and why? In the context of publicly traded companies, how do cash flow-related metrics influence executive compensation?

2. Financing

a. For companies who perform work on DoD contracts as either a prime contractor or subcontractor, what, if any, obstacles have you encountered in obtaining financing? Please explain and also identify whether you are a large or small business.

b. For companies who perform work both for DoD and in the commercial sector, what is your view on how financing compares between DoD and your commercial customers? Please explain. What about delivery terms? For example, DoD's terms to prime contractors are 30 days. How does this compare to commercial terms?

3. Prime Contractors (Regardless of Size Status) on Defense Contracts

a. What is your size status (see Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 19) in the context of your defense work?

b. What percentage of your suppliers receive contract financing (payments prior to delivery) from your firm?

c. Is the answer different for large business suppliers than for small business suppliers? Does one group receive financing more often than the other?

d. What are your criteria for determining which suppliers receive financing?

e. How do your lower-tier suppliers know they are performing under a Government prime contract?

f. If you have been or are receiving a higher progress payment rate due to the COVID-19 pandemic, have you accelerated payments to your suppliers since the COVID-19 pandemic? If so, by how much time have you accelerated payments to your suppliers? Please be specific. Did you provide financing (predelivery payments) to suppliers that were not receiving financing prior to the COVID-19 pandemic?

g. If you did not receive a higher progress payment rate due to the COVID-19 pandemic, e.g., you do not receive progress payments on your defense contract, did you accelerate payments to your suppliers since the COVID-19 pandemic? If so, by how much time have you accelerated payments to your suppliers? Please be specific and address the extent to which

you have accelerated payments. Did you provide financing (predelivery payments) to suppliers that were not receiving financing prior to the COVID-19 pandemic?

4. Subcontractors or Suppliers (Regardless of Size Status) Under a Defense Contract

a. When you are performing as a subcontractor or supplier under a defense prime contract, how do you know that the ultimate customer is the Federal Government?

b. Do you know the prime contract number (between the prime and the Government)? If so, how? Do you know who the Federal Government contracting officer is, or how to contact them? Would you be willing to contact the contracting officer if you were experiencing issues getting paid?

c. Have financing payments or payments upon delivery from your customer (contractor) been accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic? What are your normal terms and how much time have payments been accelerated? Did you receive financing (predelivery payments) from your prime or higher-tier contractor that you did not receive prior to the COVID-19 pandemic?

d. Are there any conditions (e.g., changes in terms) associated with receiving payments from your prime or higher-tier contractor in a more expedited manner?

5. Small Businesses Performing on Defense Contracts

a. If you are a small business performing as a prime contractor, what is your experience regarding receipt of timely payments from DoD?

b. If you are a small business performing as a supplier or subcontractor, are you aware of whether the clause at Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 252.232-7017, Accelerating Payments to Small Business Subcontractors—Prohibition on Fees and Consideration, is in the prime's contract? Is the substance of this clause in your subcontract?

c. What are your normal payment terms (e.g., amount of time) for financing and for delivery?

d. Are you receiving accelerated payments from your prime contractor? By how many days are payments being accelerated?

Authority: DoD Instruction 5000.35, Defense Acquisition Regulations (DAR) System.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS-2022-0007; OMB Control Number 0704-0250]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS); DFARS Part 242, Contract Administration and Related Clause in DFARS 252

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB, for clearance, the following proposed revision and extension of a collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by July 18, 2022.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 242; Contract Administration and Related Clause in DFARS 252; OMB Control Number 0704-0250.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Respondents: 292.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 292.

Average Burden per Response: 475 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 138,700.

Reporting Frequency: On Occasion.

Needs and Uses: The Government requires this information in order to perform its contract administration functions. The information required by DFARS contract clause 252.242-7004, Material Management and Accounting System, is used by contracting officers to determine if contractor material management and accounting systems

conform to established DoD standards. DFARS clause 252.242–7004 requires a contractor to establish and maintain a material management and accounting system for applicable contracts, disclose significant changes in its system, provide results of system reviews, and respond to any determinations by the Government of significant deficiencies.

Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Susan Minson, DoD Desk Officer, at Oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer and the Docket ID number and title of the information collection.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method: *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

DoD Clearance Officer: Ms. Angela Duncan. Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Duncan at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) Minimum Data Elements (MDEs)

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of a currently approved collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 16, 2022.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2022–SCC–0086. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail,

commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the PRA Coordinator of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave SW, LBJ, Room 6W208D, Washington, DC 20202–8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Benjamin Starr, (202) 245–8116.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) Minimum Data Elements (MDEs).

OMB Control Number: 1810–0683.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 46.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 399,774.

Abstract: The Migrant Information Exchange (MSIX) is a nationwide electronic records exchange mechanism mandated under Title I, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The Migrant Education Program (MEP) is authorized under sections 1301–1309 in Title I, Part C of the ESEA. MSIX and the minimum data elements (MDEs) are authorized under section 1308(b) of the ESEA, as amended. As a condition of receiving a grant of funds under the MEP, each State Educational Agency (SEA) is required to collect, maintain, and submit minimum health and education-related data to MSIX within established time-frames. Regulations CFR 34 § 200.85 for the MSIX issued by the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) have been in effect as of June 9, 2016. MSIX is designed to facilitate timely school enrollment, grade and course placement, accrual of secondary course credits and participation in the MEP for migratory children. The regulations help the Department determine accurate migratory child counts and meet other MEP reporting requirements.

The Department is requesting approval to for a revision of the 1810–0683 information collection that supports statutory requirements for data collection under Title I, Part C MEP.

The Office of Migrant Education (OME) would like specific feedback on the following additions to the MSIX MDEs:

(1) the addition of family contact MDEs, including phone numbers and email addresses;

(2) the addition of new acceptable values beyond “Male” and “Female” for MDE #9 (Sex).

Please see the “MSIX Minimum Data Elements” attachment for details on the MDE additions and changes. There have been edits made to MDE #s—1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 20, 26, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 52, 64, 72, and 74. New MDEs are #s 77, 78, 79, 80, and 81.

OME has received feedback to include the “Qualifying Activity” MDE. At this time, OME has decided not to include the “Qualifying Activity” MDE because the MDE by itself does not provide additional information regarding the child's qualifying arrival date since it is connected to the worker, not the child, on the National Certificate of Eligibility (COE). OME is seeking specific feedback on the usefulness of this MDE for the States and why it should be included.